

Preliminary Amendment
PCT/IE00/00084
Attorney Docket Q67954

REMARKS

The application has been amended to delete the multiple dependencies therein, to provide appropriate headings for the various sections of the specification, and to delete the erroneous improper second paragraph of the abstract. Entry and consideration of this Amendment and an early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title insert the following statement and heading as follows:

--This is a National stage entry under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of Application No. PCT/IE00/00084
filed July 5, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, after the third full paragraph insert the heading

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 9, after the first paragraph insert the heading

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 10, after the first paragraph insert the heading

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-47 inclusive are canceled.

Claims 48-67 are added as new claims.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE:

Delete the title after the heading "ABSTRACT" and delete the improper second
paragraph of the Abstract containing the parenthetical phrase "(Figs. 1 and 3 to
accompany the abstract)".